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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

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TITLE: Transcriptionally Silenced Plant Genes

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME


Sir:

The Office Action of September 28, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 28, 2004. A two-month extension to February 28, 2005 is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Applicant's credit card in the amount of \$450.00 for payment of the extension fee. Enclosed is a Credit Card Payment Form for fee purposes. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744.

Respectfully submitted,

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